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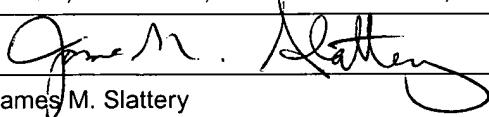
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RESPONSE TO A RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated February 28, 2006, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of claims 1-18 for initial examination in this application. This election is with traverse.